Jamerson Brothers: 33 years of successful trucking in Appomattox

Thirty-three years of successful trucking.....that's Jamerson Brothers Trucking Company Inc.

"Jamersons Brothers Trucking Company, Inc. got started in business in 1949 with one 1949 Chevrolet tractor, one gasoline tank, capacity, 3,650 gallons, one flat trailer, 28 feet long," said Herbert Jamerson, President of the company.

Thomas Jamerson is Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer is Jackie Jamerson Ballowe.

"We began by hauling one or two loads a week from Richmond to the Appomattox Hardware Company and maybe one load of lumber a week to Basset, Virginia," smiled Jamerson as he remembered the early days of the company.

"We had only one employee then, George (Shine) Franklin. With a lot of hard work, sometimes 24 hours a day, things began to get better. Today we operate 22 road tractors and 100 trailers," he added.

Jamerson Brothers Trucking Company, Inc. specializes in all types of hauling, petroleum, lumber, steel, plywood, and furniture from Armstrong Furniture Company with ICC authority to deliver in 48 states.

"The most important thing in any business is a good customers," said Jamerson. "I am happy to say we have some good ones and we do our best to keep them happy even if it takes the extra effort," he added. "We go all the way for them."

"The next thing," commented Jamerson, "is having good employees to get the job done and we are proud to say we have the best in all phases of our operation. From drivers, mechanics and office personnel, they are the best."

"We always remind our drivers to drive with care," commented Jamerson, "care and consideration for the other drivers on the road. We have safety meetings twice a year."

Jamerson Brothers Trucking Company, Inc. is a 'family affair', so to speak. Jamerson's wife, the former Mildred Mays of Petersburg works in the office. "She kind of keeps us all straight," laughed Herbert. The Jamerson's have four children; Patsy Jamerson

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TRUCKING EXPERTS SINCE

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FROM Coast To Coast

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FLEET OF: 22 Tractors 78 Trailers

DEPENDABILITY!

A tradition of excellence

The Wilbun Story

In 1937, Robert E. Wilbun, founder of Wilbun's, bought a stock of groceries, rented a building in the small community of Red House and was in business. The early years were a struggle but the little business gained a foothold.

A change was made in 1941 when R. E. Wilbun moved his business to the growing town of Appomattox. He had a lot of strong competition with established grocery stores in the town. At that time a lot of customers charged their grocery orders but Robert Wilbun thought it would be best to do his business on a 'cash and carry' basis. This in turn gave his customers a savings on their grocery budgets.

From this time on, R. E. Wilbun's business grew and grew. He was known far and wide for his good prices and neighborly service. Since the business was expanding and even drawing from neighboring counties, he had to make a move to enlarge the store.

In December of 1949, Robert Wilbun made his big move to build his own building on East Harrel Street. It was a huge grocery store for Appomattox at that time. This was the first Self Service Store in the town complete with shoping carts, fresh meats and produce. This was the birth of Wilbun's Cash Store.

Within a few years, his three sons, Ryland, Gerald and Charles Wilbun became a integral part of the operation. Throughout the years from the beginning in Red House, Robert's wife, Hazel stood by his side and shared the many responsibilities of the store. During this era the name changed to R. E. Wilbun and Sons.

The business continued to grow. In May of 1972 R. E. Wilbun, because of ill health, sold his business to Wilbun's Supermarket, Inc., with Gerald Wilbun as president and manager. This was another stepping stone in the growth of Wilbun's Store. Gerald Wilbun had worked with his father for eleven years which provided him with an excellent background in the grocery business. It was at this time the business was moved to its present location on 460.

Expansion was necessary in 1979 due to the tremendous growth of the business. Today, Wilbun's Supermarket, Inc. is a modern, efficient store providing a comfortable atmosphere in which the customer may shop for a large variety of grocery items to meet his needs.

"Wilbun's Supermarket, Inc. is proud to have the opportunity to meet the needs of the growing community of Appomattox. We have a lot of which to be proud and we are especially proud to be independent. We truly are Hometown Folks Serving Hometown Folk," said Gerald Wilbun, President.

Wilbun's SUPERMARKET

LEFT TO RIGHT: Gene Williamson and Gerald Wilbun.

LEFT TO RIGHT: John Ferguson and Donnie Almond.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Nathaniel Jones and Wallace Haley.

HOMETOWN FOLKS SERVING HOMETOWN FOLKS!

LEFT TO RIGHT: Pat Page, Mike Ranson, John Franklin and Robert Morgan.

Our Pride Is Our People

Our Heritage Is A Lifetime Of Service To You!

LEFT TO RIGHT, Lori Wooten, Tina Reynolds, Susan George, Cheryl Cheatham, Robin Martin, Ann Buchanan, Joanie Robertson, Janet Ketchersid, and Gertrude Burge.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Rayford Fleshman, Lelia Garrett, Dennis Stratton and Stewart Watson.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Rixey, John Lambert, John Franklin, Henry Fleshman, and Ricky Franklin.